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CUBANS EXECUTE 4 EXILE RAIDERS

**Declare Group Left Miami
in Heavily Armed Craft
to Attempt Infiltration**

By United Press International

HAVANA, May 28—The Cuban Government announced today the execution by firing squad of four exiles described as United States spies.

The men were said to have been executed before dawn after their conviction by a war crimes board and the rejection of appeals for a retrial.

The Government said the men had been captured off the north coast of Las Villas Province, in the center of the island, while seeking to infiltrate Cuba. The date of their capture was not disclosed.

The official announcement charged that four were "agents of the Central Intelligence Agency." It identified them as members of the anti-Castro Revolutionary Junta headed by Manuel Ray.

The leader of the infiltration group was identified as Felipe Vidal Santiago, a former Cuban Navy officer. The others were identified as Ladislao Gonzalez Benitez, Elias Rivera Bello and Alfredo Valdes Linares.

Weapons Thrown Overboard

The announcement said the men had embarked for Cuba in a heavily armed vessel from Miami. It said they had halted briefly at Cayo Anguilla, a Bahamas islet, presumably for refueling.

Cuban fishermen were said to have detected the group and to have notified the Cuban Coast Guard. The exiles threw their weapons, including the craft's 20-mm. cannon, overboard when they saw they were about to be captured, the announcement said.

Mr. Vidal Santiago was said to have been a naval aide to Interior Minister Santiago Verdugo in the regime of President Fulgencio Batista. He was alleged to have been recruited by the C.I.A. as an agent while in exile in Venezuela.

The announcement said the group had been trained in Central America under orders of Mr. Ray, who was Premier Fidel Castro's first Public Works Minister. Mr. Ray pledged earlier this month to return to Cuba by May 20, Cuba's Independence Day, to lead internal opposition to Premier Castro.

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WASHINGTON, May 28. — The Cuban Revolutionary

is believed to be inside Cuba, denied today that the four men executed in Havana had been connected with it.

Spokesmen for the junta here and in Miami, as well as other highly qualified sources, insisted that the four men belonged to a private group dedicated to smuggling people out of Cuba.

They said that Mr. Vidal Santiago was known to have gone to Cuba about two months ago.

The view here was that the Castro regime deliberately tried to link the executed men with the Ray operation to create the impression that its security forces had been successful in apprehending the junta's infiltrators.

As far as Mr. Ray was concerned, his associates in Florida reported that no direct word had yet been received from him, though he is believed to have left his Caribbean base eight days ago and to have entered Cuba between last Friday and Saturday.

Arrangements had been made for Mr. Ray to communicate by radio with his associates abroad, but the junta's spokesmen stressed today that at the time of his deliberately publicized departure they had fully expected that he would "lay low" for a period.

"No news is good news," one of Mr. Ray's associates in Miami said today.

The United States continued to take the position that it had no links with the Ray operation and the other efforts by Cuban exiles to resume hostilities against the Castro regime.

Officials reiterated that the Administration stood on its formal statements that it opposed any raids against Cuba from United States territory. They refused to discuss what policy might be adopted should Mr. Ray or any other refugee leader openly requested aid.

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